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MEMORANDUM FOR: Project Contracting Officer
Attn: [REDACTED]

21 December 1956

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SUBJECT : General Purpose Computer

REFERENCES : A. SAPC-11703, dated 19 December 1956
B. SAPC-11632, dated 20 December 1956

1. I concur in the recommendations contained in the two referenced documents but more specifically in [REDACTED] memorandum (SAPC-11632). I would appreciate if the Contracting Officer would advise the Chief, Technical Intelligence Branch through the Chief, HTAUTOMAT, that we have not budgeted for a computer of this type for the interpretation of AQUATONE take and that we believe this requirement must be originated by HTAUTOMAT and handled through normal channels. I believe the reply to [REDACTED] should point out that there is great uncertainty as to the value of AQUATONE photography and as to the duration of the Project. Accordingly, both in determining and in justifying the requirements for exploitation equipment, every effort should be made to select items which will be of general utility in connection with the processing of raw intelligence from many sources rather than limited in their application to the product of AQUATONE.

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2. I am returning the referenced documents herewith.

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Project Director

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